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- 1. English abstract of JP 03 296399 A
- 2. DE 15 37 609 A
- 3. US 4,823,908
- 4. WO 99/44757 A1 (in English)

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Document 2

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